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Docket No. MC2001-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING POSTAL SERVICE MOTION ON SCHEDULE CHANGE

(Issued May 4, 2001)

In response to the procedural schedule issued in P.O. Ruling No. MC2001-1/3, the Postal Service has filed a motion asking that all cross-examination of its witnesses take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2001. Motion of the United States Postal Service Concerning Scheduling of Witnesses, May 3, 2001 (Motion). The schedule now allows for two days of cross-examination: May 16th and May 17th.

In support of its Motion, the Service states that witness Kalenka (USPS-T-3) must be in New York on business on Thursday, May 17th. Postal Service Motion at 1. It also notes that written cross-examination has been relatively light, and that considerations of economy and efficiency suggest that every effort be made to complete all oral cross-examination of the Service's witnesses on one of the days set aside for that purpose. *Ibid*.

Having considered the points raised in the Service's motion and the lack of any apparent prejudice to the interests of other participants, the motion is granted. Further, I anticipate calling witness Kalenka as the first witness of the day on Wednesday, May 16th.

RULING

The Motion of the United States Postal Service Concerning Scheduling of Witnesses (May 3, 2001) is granted.

George Omas

Presiding Officer